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INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL FOLLOWS:

A. NETHERLANDS IMPORTS OF CRUDE IN 1972 FROM ARAB COUNTRIES WERE  
AS FOLLOWS, ACCORDING TO IMPORT STATISTICS:

	PERCENT OF TOTAL CRUDE IMPORTS	BPD
KUWAIT	20.5	370,000
IRAQ	0.4	6,000
ABU DHABI	2.4	44,000
QATAR	4.3	78,000
SAUDI ARABIA	33.5	608,000
LIBYA	4.5	82,000
ALGERIA	1.3	24,000
MUSCAT AND OMAN	1.1	20,000
LEBANON	1.0	18,000

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B. NETHERLANDS EXPORTS OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO USA IN

1972 AMOUNTED TO ESTIMATED 16,400 BPD, SOME 90 PERCENT OF WHICH WAS DISTILLATE FUEL OIL AND THE REST A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS. EXPORTS TO US ARE VERY LOW PERCENTAGE OF REFINERY PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN NETHERLANDS.

C. NETHERLANDS REFINERIES CURRENTLY OPERATING WELL UNDER FULL CAPACITY AND DO NOT EXPECT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION SUBSTANTIALY IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. PRINCIPAL REASON IS DIFFICULTY OF CRUDE SUPPLY. SOME OPERATE NOW AT MINIMUM CAPACITY AND THERE IS TALK OF ADJUSTING PROCESS SO AS TO REDUCE MINIMUM FURTHER OWING TO MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

D. GON HAS NOT CANCELLED OR REDUCED EXPORTS OF CRUDE OR PRODUCTS. HOWEVER, IT HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR EXPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED TO PROTECT DOMESTIC NEEDS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

E. PROTRACTED EMBARGO ON MID-EAST CRUDE EXPORTS TO NETHERLANDS COULD LEAD TO REDUCTION IN DUTCH EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS TO USA, BUT THIS WOULD DEPEND TO SOME DEGREE ON MANAGEMENT DECISIONS OF REFINING COMPANIES HERE (INCLUDING EXXON, MOBIL, CHEVRO AND GULF) AND ANY OIL-SHARING AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE REACHED BY CONSUMING COUNTRIES.  
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